


What are Career Clusters?



The sixteen Career Clusters were developed to relate occupations to broad industries. Within each cluster are several "pathways" which provide a more focused category within the cluster. These are useful to educators, industry groups, employers, parents, and others. Some occupations will occur in more than one cluster or pathway.

Career Clusters Prepare All Students for College and Careers

Educators helping students learn career management skills can encourage students to explore a range of career options by focusing attention on broad areas (clusters or pathways) rather than specific occupations. Since each cluster includes occupations with a range of skill and training requirements,  students can concentrate on groups of occupations most suitable to their individual needs.

Skills and knowledge required for the occupations in each cluster have been identified. This information can be used by educators to help ensure that students are acquiring the qualifications they need for employment and by industry groups and employers to help structure job descriptions and employee training programs. Parents can use cluster information to learn about qualifications and training and to help their children explore career possibilities.



For more information on Career Clusters, visit the States' Career Clusters web site at:

www.careerclusters.org

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